(b) Names of Pyrazolone group of drugs marketed in the country are Phynylbutazone, Oxyphenbutazone and Analgin.

(c) It may aggravate the tendency to haemorrhage and agranulocy-tosis is reported to be one of the adverse reactions to these drugs.

(d) to (f) The experts consulted had opined that Phenylbutazone/Oxyphenbutazone are drugs of choice in certain musculoskeletal disorders such as ankylosing pondyliti and gouty arthrisis. Based on risk-benefit consideration, Drugs Technical Advisory Board did not recommend withdrawal of Analgin.

Production of blood products in the country

763. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated annual amount of blood products produced in the country and what amount of blood products are being imported annually;

(b) whether some blood products were recently found positive for HIV anti-bodies with the possibility of leading to AIDS from different parts of the country; and

(c) what are the principles/guidelines, if any, laid down by Government for the production of blood products in the country and what is the method to ensure that the blood products are produced strictly according to the guidelines before they are marketed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The annual estimated turnover of blood products produced in the country is about 8 crores and blood products imported during April, 1988 to December, 1988 are valued at Rs. 32.75 lakhs.

(b) Some of the blood products on testing were reported to be positive for HIV anti bodies. Although these products may not be infectious yet as a matter of abundant caution, all products from blood/placenta manufactured till date have been asked to be destroyed. Wide publicity has been given that the persons who might have taken these products during the last 2 years to get their blood tested for HIV anti bodies at the nearest located AIDS surveillance centre.

(c) The guidelines include testing of each bleeding and pooled plasma so that only blood/plasma free from HIV anti-bodies is used for manufacturing blood/plasma products. The manufacturers are required to adopt Cohn-Oncley and/or chromatographic techniques including steps to ensure inactivation or viruses in the blood/placenta preparations. The methods suggested include verucidal techniques in the processing by using suitable detergent or heat method upto 60°C for ten hours.

The manufacturers will be allowed to resume production by the state licensing authorities only after they comply with the guidelines given.

Sale of T.V. Decoders purchased from France

764. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ET&T Ltd., a public sector undertaking under the Department of Electronics imported about ten thousand T.V. decoders about years back;

(b) if so, the number of these decoders which have been sold so far, stating the market value of the